CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please cancel Claim 3 and add new Claim 35 as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) An image pickup apparatus comprising:

a plurality of pixels each including a photoelectric conversion portion which converts an optical signal from an object into an electrical signal and a read portion which reads out the signal from said photoelectric conversion portion to an output line;

a drive control portion which controls a first mode for reading out from said read portion a pixel noise signal which is obtained by resetting an input portion of said read portion, and a second mode for reading out from said read portion an image signal which includes a signal generated by said photoelectric conversion portion;

a correction portion which subjects the image signal read out from said read portion, to correction processing which uses the pixel noise signal;

a detection portion which detects an object condition; and

a switching portion which switches over the correction processing of said correction portion in accordance with an output of said detection portion.

2. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said detection portion detects that a signal level of the image signal is higher than a predetermined value.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said switching portion effects switching-over in accordance with the output of said detection portion so as not to perform the correction processing.

5.- 6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said switching portion replaces a signal output from said correction portion with a signal of a predetermined signal level in accordance with the output of said detection portion.

8.-34. (Cancelled)

35. (New) An image pickup apparatus comprising:

a plurality of pixels each including a photoelectric conversion portion which converts an optical signal from an object into an electrical signal and a read portion which reads out the signal from said photoelectric conversion portion to an output line;

a drive control portion which controls a first mode for reading out from said read portion a pixel noise signal which is obtained by resetting an input portion of said read portion, and a second mode for reading out from said read portion an image

signal which includes a signal generated by said photoelectric conversion portion;

a correction portion which subjects the image signal read out from said read portion, to correction processing which uses the pixel noise signal;

a detection portion which detects an object condition; and

a switching portion which switches over the correction processing of said correction portion in accordance with an output of said detection portion;

wherein said detection portion detects that a signal level of the pixel noise signal is higher than a predetermined value.